

6 April 2009

Dear Parents,

We are planning to take classes 8i and 8b Humanities in English on a "medieval style pilgrimage" on the 27 and 28 May with an overnight stay at the Abbaye of St. Maurice which will include an evening meal, breakfast and picnic lunch. This does not include the packed lunch for the first day of the trip which must be provided by the students.

Itinerary:

- A visit to the Chateau de Chillon to look at medieval castle architecture in Europe and learn about the geography and medieval history of our host country in the 'arc lemanique' region.
- A visit to the "Grottes de Fe" in St. Maurice to look at limestone features (karst environments) as part of our "history of the planet" unit.
- A tour of the monastery site and its unique treasures, some of which date back to Roman times and to the period of Charlemagne. This will tie into our "medieval Europe unit".
- A guided walk around the salt mines at Bex that were originally used by the Romans and are still being excavated today. This will enable the students to make a comparison of natural and managed caves.

Cost

The total cost of the trip will be approximately CHF135.00 per student. This will include:

- Transport for the two days on trains and boats and the hire of a special post bus for part of the journey
- Food and overnight stay (except for the picnic lunch on Thursday, 27 May, mentioned above).
- Entrance fees and guided tours to all public sites.

Departure and Return

We will meet at Geneva, Cornavin, train station at 7h45 on Wednesday 27 May.

We will return to Geneva, Cornavin, train station at 18h04 on Thursday 28 May.

A more detailed itinerary will be given to the students nearer the time.

Please complete and return the attached reply slip by Wednesday 22nd April to your child's humanities teacher. Please e-mail a response before that date to enable us to finalise the costs and details of the itinerary.

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I _____ give permission for
(name of parent)

my child _____ to go on the year 8 overnight humanities
(name of child)

trip on 27 and 28 May. I agree to be billed the sum of approximately CHF135.00 (figure to be confirmed before the end of April). I accept that my child will be expected to abide by the school's code of behaviour throughout the entire trip.

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____